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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BENNETT ET AL.

Examiner

HOSUK SONG

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 17-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 17-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 21-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/21/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 8-10,21-22,27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jeppesen(US 4,924,387)

Claims 8-10: Jeppesen discloses transcribing by a computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time in (fig.6). Jeppesen discloses monitoring by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing and disabling by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached in (fig.7,10).

Claims 21-22,27: Jeppesen disclose communicating to a computer aided transcription system an authorization for real time transcription of spoken words in (fig.6). Jeppesen discloses automatically indicating for a user of a computer aided transcription system that an amount of real time transcription of spoken words has occurred in (fig.7,10)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-14,21-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims are directed to method of billing for real time transaction. However, there is no mentioning in the body of the claim, how bill is generated. It is unclear as to how billing is based on.

Allowable Subject Matter

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Claims 11-14,23-26,28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15,17-20 are allowed.

Claim 15: Prior art of record does not teach communicating by the remote system at least a portion of the text to the terminal; ceasing communications by the remote system to the terminal after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached and generating a bill based on the amount of transcription.

Claims 17-20 are allowed because of dependency.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is requested to provide dates for following NPL documents (IDS dated 4/23/07).

- a)LiveNote: User's guide, LiveNote Technologies
- b)"Discovery: Quick Reference Card", Product Brochure
- c)"Discovery Video zx Litigation System", product Brochure
- d)Williams, J, et al., Advanced Court Report Technology-Computer Concepts

Response to Applicant's Arguments

Previous grounds of rejection based on Wright and Strand has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's argument filed 1/22/08. Previous Double Patenting Rejection has been withdrawn in view of Terminal Disclaimer filed on 1/22/08. Further, previous 112 rejections have been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to claim 15. However, newly discovered prior art has necessitated new grounds of rejection. See new rejections above.

USPTO Contact Information

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HOSUK SONG whose telephone number is 5712723857. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KIM VU can be reached on 5712723859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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